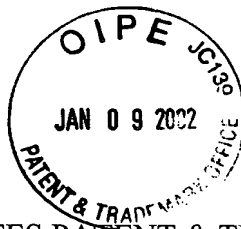


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Correspondence dated December 16, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing, a corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing, and an amendment to the specification. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, please replace the paragraph beginning at lines 4 through 12, as follows:

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--A rabbit NF-kB binding recognition sequence (20 mer;
TGGAGGGGCTTTCCCCATAG) (SEQ ID NO: 1) (NF-kB decoy group) and a scrambled
NF-kB binding recognition sequence (20 mer) (scramble decoy group) were synthesized
(Ray, A. , Gao, X. & Ray, B. J. Biol. Chem. 270, 29201-29208 (1995)) and, using a cationic
liposomal delivery system (Tfx50, Promega, WI, U.S.A.), those oligonucleotides were
respectively administered into the cistern two days before the construction of subarachnoid
hemorrhage.--